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Prayer: an Anthology

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Prayer is called many things in the Torah. Jacob has an "encounter" on Mount Moriah; Pinchas conducts a "judgment" with G-d; Isaac and Rebecca "entreat" for a child; Jonah "cries out" from the belly of the fish. The Midrash surveys the Five Books of Moses, the Book of Psalms and the Prophets, and finds 13 ways to say "prayer": cry, howl, groan, stricture, song, prostration, encounter, judgment, entreaty, standing, appeal and beseeching.

Of course, no two people cry alike. Judgment can be the judgment of self, of our place in the world, or of our relationship with G-d. And certainly the tone and timbre of our prayers varies with the time and place of our beseeching, the reason for our entreating, and the object of our appeals. Thus each of the thirteen modes of prayer include numerous colors and textures, as we have attempted to demonstrate with this selection of 28 stories, essays and articles, culled from 125 issues of Chabad.Org Magazine.



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The Chassid and the Fool at the Leiptzig Fair

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The Old Man on the Island

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A Guest, a Fish, and a Prayer

The Dancing Jews

The Ladder



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Enter the Beloved

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Is G-d a He?

The Cosmology of Prayer

A Glass of Milk

Prayer Insights:

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Talking With G-d

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Why Do We Pray?

If G-d Knows Best, what's the Point of Prayer?

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